

10/8/20 Meeting

Present: Nicola McDonald, Emily Dowie, Elizabeth Portillo, Joanna Goldfarb, Anita Baumann, Jessica Gordon, Kim Naples, Rosemary Farrell, Jen Park, Tracey Dunstan, Lisa Allen, Dali

Kim will run the book clubs monthly. Separate group for staff and public.

Book Suggestions: (We've agreed to do the ones in bold for Dec, Jan. Feb. & Mar.)

- **Dear Martin** - Nic Stone (also have ebook and audiobook for accessibility)
- Vanishing Half - Bric Bennett
- The Reluctant Fundamentalist by Mohsin Hamid
- **Unorthodox** by Deborah Feldman (Netflix series)
- **Caste: Origins of our Discontents** by Isabel Wilkerson (Nonfiction)
- **Homegoing** by Yaa Gyasi

Book clubs should be held during work time for professional development. 3pm possibly?

Kim will send a poll to get a sense of what day/times works for people

Kim can order book sets

The goal is to have one program monthly in addition to the book club

As long as the NYS guidelines are incorporated into the discussion then people can get CE credits for the book club <http://www.nysl.nysed.gov/libdev/cert/faq.htm>
<https://guides.rcls.org/NYLibrarianCertification>

RCLS (Jen & Joanna) has a budget and can help with honorariums and payments for panelists and presenters beginning in January as there is no more budget for 2020. The budget year goes from January to December.

Upcoming programs

- November - How to Write a Personal Statement for Scholarship application (Nicola will get panel together)
- December - skip because of Holidays and RCLS's calendar is booked
- January - Presentation on Colorism and panel discussion from mix-race library workers (Emily will email coalition to seek panelist). Jen sent this link <https://fordhamobserver.com/43440/news/fordham-takes-action-with-new-dean-for-student-support/> for Dr. Tracyann Williams who is able to give presentation around colorism Nicola will create an email to reach out to her
- February - Understanding Your Constituents: Black Community (Lisa will reach out to get someone from [Spring Valley NAACP](#) to present)

Next meeting: November (Date to come)